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In re Application of

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 15, 2006, (hereinafter "Office Action"), wherein claims 7, 10 and 11 have been rejected twice under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement, and rejoined claims 1-6 were rejected once for the same reason, please consider the following amendments and remarks for the purposes of allowance. Applicants also file concurrently herewith a Petition to extend the time for response to two (2) months, or until April 15, 2007. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment necessitated by this response to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

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